Applicants request favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1, 3, 5-10, 12, 14-18 and 23-30 are pending in this application, with Claims 8, 9, 17, 18 and 27 being withdrawn from consideration and Claims 1, 10, 19-23 and 28 being independent.

Claim 2, 4, 11, 13 and 19-22 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 3, 5, 10, 12, 14, 23 and 25-26 have been amended. Applicants submit that support for the amendments can be found in the original disclosure, and therefore no new matter has been added.

Claims 19 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants submit that this rejection is moot since those claims have been cancelled.

Claims 1-7, 10-16, 19-23, 25-26 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2003/0016291 to Tojo. Claim 24 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tojo. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for the reasons discussed below.

As recited in independent Claim 1, the present invention includes, *inter alia*, the features of storing additional information related to an imaging action of imaging means during the imaging of moving image data, dividing the moving image data for one shot into a plurality of sub-shots based on the additional information, and selecting a key frame from the moving image data of each sub-shot in accordance with the additional information. With these features, moving image data captured as one shot is automatically divided into sub-shots based on the imaging action that occurred during image sensing.

Applicants submit that the cited art fails to disclose or suggest at least the above-mentioned features as recited in independent Claim 1. Tojo discloses a camera that extracts a still image as a key frame from moving image data. However, Tojo fails to disclose or suggest a technique for dividing the moving image data of one shot into a plurality of sub-shots based on

the imaging action of the camera. According to Tojo, a user must perform a manual operation to generate the plurality of sub shots from the moving image data of one shot.

Accordingly, the claimed invention recited in Claim 1 is clearly distinguishable from Tojo, is not obvious in view of Tojo, and is patentable.

The other independent claims recite features similar to Claim 1 and are believed patentable for reasons similar to Claim 1.

The dependent claims are believed patentable for at least the same reasons as the independent claims, as well as for the additional features they recite.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

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